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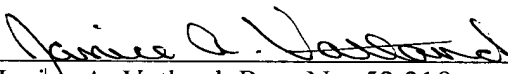
By this amendment, Applicant is canceling claims 1-9, 26-31, and 33-38 without prejudice or disclaimer. The claim cancellation was made in light of the restriction requirement in the parent case (Application Number 10/356,349, filed on January 31, 2003), which was mailed from the USPTO on December 10, 2003 and to which a response was filed on January 12, 2004. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims. No new matter has been added.

Applicant has also updated the related application information on the first page of the specification to add the parent and grandparent information.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is encouraged to contact Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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